

SEC BRIEFING

13 October 1954

OFFSHORE ISLANDS

1. Reduced Communist shelling of Quemoy's last week (under 100 rds. a day). Most on Little Quemoy, where civilians now have housing problem (400-600 homes destroyed).

- A. Communist practicing landings near Amoy--may be rehearsal or show of strength.



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II. Nationalists at Quemoy have not
attacked mainland targets since
28 September.

- A. Taipei press claims US advised
suspension: complains Communists
thus have new "Yalu sanctuary"
in Fukien, Formosa "re-neutralized"
- B. Statements could lead to
Peiping attack in belief US
anxious avoid hostilities.
- C. Danger could increase if
Communists spot US force
reduction in area.

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